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1. US policy on recognizing a Chinese Communist regime--The Department of State has informed US Embassy Canberra that the US currently intends to follow a policy of avoiding haste in recognizing a new Communist central government, when such a government is established. According to the Department, this reflects the view that recognition is a valuable lever for obtaining any new Chinese government's acceptance of international responsibilities. The Department believes the extent of Communist cooperation with the West will be determined by the Communists' need for such cooperation rather than by the promptness with which recognition is extended and that overeagerness in extending recognition probably would encourage the Chinese Communists' high-handed disregard of foreign interests.

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2. PALESTINE: US urges Israel to refrain from military action--The Department of State has informed US Ambassador MacDonald in Tel Aviv that the Israeli Charge in Washington has been informed of US concern over recent reports of increased Israeli military activity. According to the Department, the Charge was told that: (a) the US would be "deeply disappointed" if Israel should undertake any new military action; and (b) no one could foresee the consequences which such action might have. The Department has also indicated to MacDonald its assumption that he is doing everything possible to head off a new Israeli military venture.

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